



September 17, 2024

Dear East Aurora Families,

This week we began our celebration along with our entire community and the nation for Hispanic Heritage Month! This celebration from September 15 to October 15 is in honor of the history, culture, and influence representing 21 countries including Spain, Mexico, and regions of the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

On September 13, we kicked off our Hispanic Heritage and Culture celebrations with our Family Fall Festival for East Aurora School District 131 families at Blackberry Farm in Aurora. This event was a lot of fun for our families where they got to enjoy live music, dance, eat and participate in many other activities.

Mexican Independence Day was celebrated on September 16, marking the 214th anniversary of "El Grito de Dolores" (Cry of Dolores) and Mexican revolt against Spanish rule. ¡Viva México! We also recognize this month the independence celebrations for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Chile.

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month our school district recognizes and supports the amazing contributions of Latinos in our community and across the globe. Our students will have awesome classroom opportunities to learn more about Hispanic Americans' experiences, culture, and contributions that have shaped American history.

We invite all East Aurora 131 families to join our efforts and celebrate Hispanic culture through supporting Hispanic-owned businesses, cooking or enjoying Hispanic foods, listening to music from different places in Latin America, or visiting museums of Hispanic art and culture - as a few examples.

On behalf of our Board of Education and from all of us at East Aurora School District 131:

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Norrell".

Jennifer Norrell, Ed.D,
Superintendent
East Aurora School District 131